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Taking various applications into consideration, the pitch (P) of the unevenness pattern is still preferably 3.5 to 25 mm, particularly preferably 5.0 to 15 mm.

### IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4-8 and add new Claims 11-15 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A kitchen sheet comprising a base sheet made of a fiber aggregate having an air permeability of 5 cc/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec or more as measured in accordance with JIS L1096A, said base sheet having a plurality of convex portions giving said kitchen sheet an apparent thickness of 1.0 mm or greater, and a compressive recovery of 30% or more.

4. (Amended) A kitchen sheet according to claim 1, wherein the apparent thickness of said kitchen sheet is at least three more than a thickness of said base sheet.

5. (Amended) A kitchen sheet according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of convex portions have peaks separated by 3.5 mm or greater, respectively.

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6. (Amended) A kitchen sheet according to claim 1, wherein:  
said fiber aggregate comprises a laminate having at least two layers; and  
said at least two layers comprise a surface layer including a hydrophobic fiber material.

7. (Amended) A kitchen sheet according to claim 2, wherein:  
said base sheet is a laminate having at least two layers of a fiber aggregate; and  
said at least two layers comprise a surface layer including a hydrophobic fiber material and an inner layer including a nonwoven fabric comprising an ultrafine hydrophobic fiber.

8. (Amended) A kitchen sheet according to claim 3, wherein:  
said base sheet is a laminate having at least two layers of a fiber aggregate; and

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said at least two layers comprise a surface layer including a hydrophobic fiber material and an inner layer including a nonwoven fabric comprising an ultrafine hydrophobic fiber.

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11. (New) A kitchen sheet according to claim 6, wherein the at least two layers further comprise at least one of a first inner layer including a nonwoven fabric and configured absorb water and oil and a second inner layer including a nonwoven fabric comprising an ultrafine hydrophobic fiber.

12. (New) A kitchen sheet according to claim 11, wherein the nonwoven fabric of the first inner layer comprises at least one of rayon, pulp and cotton.

13. (New) A kitchen sheet according to claim 6, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material of the surface layer comprises a thermoplastic resin nonwoven fabric made of at least one resin selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin resin and a polyester resin.

14. (New) A kitchen sheet according to claim 6, wherein the hydrophobic fiber material of the surface layer comprises a thermoplastic resin nonwoven fabric selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, and copolymers thereof.

15. (New) A kitchen sheet according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of convex portion forms a plurality of interconnected concaved passageways on a surface of the base sheet.

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#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.